Revenue raised through education CESS

†4236. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue raised by Government so far from education cess;

(b) the names of programmes on which the said amount is proposed to be utilized; and

(c) the provision made by the Central Government for the State of Madhya Pradesh out of the amount raised from education cess?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) So far as direct taxes are concerned, an amount of Rs. 2510 crores was estimated to be collected by way of education cess in financial year 2004-05. The actual amount collected on account of education cess on direct taxes would be available only after the accounts of the Government for 2004-05 are finalized.

So far as indirect taxes are concerned, the total amount of Education Cess collected from Customs and Central Excise upto December, 2004 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Head	Customs	Excise	Total
Education Cess	487.74	893.87	1381.61

As per the RE, Education Cess for Service Tax for the year 2004-05 is Rs. 165 crores. The actual amount collected on account of cess on Service Tax is not available.

(b) The whole of the amount collected as cess is meant for education which will include providing a nutritious cooked midday meal..

(c) Cesses and surcharges do not form a part of the sharable pool of taxes.

Withdrawal of deposits by NRIs from banks

4237. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Non-Resident Indians have been pulling out their deposits from the Indian banking system, as revealed by the —

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.